

19/220 Public Crematorium at Gungahlin

Summary of Impacts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet currently unmet community needs, in particular religious and cultural needs; • Introduce market competition and provide greater choice to the community; and • Positive long term impacts on the ACT Government Budget by reducing the need for budget funding and addressing the unfunded liability for future maintenance of cemeteries (estimated to be \$28 million in 2016).

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue neutral and Green Positive.

Social

Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A publicly operated crematorium would improve access to services to the community and provide for greater choice in relation to cremations. Currently, there is only one crematorium in the ACT that does not meet all community needs.
Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new publicly operated crematorium would provide a mechanism to ensure that all the communities needs in relation to cremations can be met. Having options that meet needs supports the human right to freedom of belief.
Indigenous and multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent community engagement process on the review of the <i>Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003</i> told us that more than 1 in 10 people who have a religious or cultural need in relation to burial or cremation do not have this need met. This disproportionately impacts the multicultural community. • A new publicly operated crematorium would provide a mechanism to ensure these needs can be met.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No adverse impact on the ACT Government Budget. • If the crematorium proceeds it in the long-term it would have a positive impact on the ACT Government Budget by reducing the need for budget funding to be allocated to cemeteries and crematoria and by beginning to address the \$28 million unfunded liability.
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ACT currently only has one crematorium which is privately operated. • Introducing a new crematorium would introduce competition into the market.

Environmental

Nil impact.